stent but was not found acceptable in the context of the independent functioning eviaged for the Prasar Bharat Corporation.

Inclusion of Konkani and other Languages in Constitution

•179. SHRI JOHN F. FERN-ANDES Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Konkani and certain other languages in the Eighth Schdule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so what progress has so far been made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The matter is under Consideration of the Government.

Statutory Status to Minorities Commission

*180. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating conversion of the Minorities Commission into statutory body; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to bring forward the required legislation for the purpose and what would be the composition of the Commission after being converted as a statutory body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SU-MAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Reported entry of former Prime Minister of Bangladesh into India

@ 1346. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh alongwith his family and some political colleagues, has entered into India;

(b) if so, what are the details of their whereabouts; and

(c) whether Government propose to grant them political asylum or send them back to Bangladesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Reports appearing in the Press on this subject have come to the notice of Government but there is no confirmation of his presence in India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Visit by Shri Lankan Tamil militants to coastal areas in Tamil Nadu

@@1347. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Shri Lankan Tamil militants visit coastal areas in Tamil Nadu to obtain supplies of various goods including diesel and petrol; and

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